REMARKS

The Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Examiner's Action mailed June 9, 2004, in which claims 6-8, 13 and 14 were allowed and claims 4, 5 and 12 were objected to as containing allowable subject matter. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the comments set forth below.

By this Amendment, the specification has been revised to correct the informality noted by the Examiner and other informalities noted by the Applicant; claims 1-3 and 9-11 are cancelled and indicated allowable claims 4, 5 and 12 are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In addition, replacement drawings are submitted of Figs. 1-8 providing text that is legible. Accordingly, claims 4-8 and 12-14 are pending in the present application.

In view of the submission of replacement drawing sheets and the revision to the specification, it is respectfully requested that the objection to the drawing and the specification be withdrawn. In addition, in view of the foregoing amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections of record be withdrawn and that a Notice of Allowance be issued indicating that claims 4-7 and 12-13, in addition to claims 6-8, 13 and 14, are allowable over the prior art of record.

The application was filed with twelve claims, five of which were independent. By this Amendment, there are eight total claims, six of which are independent. Accordingly, a check for the official fee for one additional independent claim is attached. If no check is attached or additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 22-0261.

Should the Examiner believe that a conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned counsel to arrange such a conference.

Respectfully submitted,

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